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Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Subject: Universal Service Support Certification - CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing is the High Cost Universal Service Support Certification required in conjunction with CC Docket No. 96-45 executed by Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono in his capacity as Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner for American Samoa.

Given our remote location in the South Pacific and only two outgoing mail flights per week, it is unlikely that the original certification will arrive prior to the September 29, 2006 deadline, which concerns me. Therefore, I am again kindly requesting that an electronic copy of the certificate be accepted as compliance with timely filing subject to and pending receipt of the original certification which will be transmitted by the fastest available means.

An electronic copy and duplicate original are being directed to Ms. Irene Flannery of Universal Service Administrative Company for filing. Your continued understanding in this matter is truly appreciated as well as your assistance.

Sincerely,

TOETASI FUI TUIELEAPAGA  
Chief Legal Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company  
Aleki Sene, Executive Director, ASTCA  
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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSIONER  
CERTIFICATION BY REGULATORY AUTHORITY**


I, Togiola T.A. Tulafono, hereby certify that I am the Governor of American Samoa, and that I am authorized to execute this certification as the Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner of the Territory of American Samoa.

Furthermore, with reference to CC Docket no. 96-45, I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that all federal high cost support received by the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (Study Area Code 673900) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and updating of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

  
TOGIOLA T.A. TULAFONO

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.



  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/31/2006